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December 13, 2005

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Your refund request for 10531761 in the amount of \$875.00 has been denied.

Small entity status fee not refundable. The time has expired for the refund of this fee. A refund based on establishment of small entity status may only be obtained if a verified statement under 37 CFR 1.27 and a request for the refund of excess amount are filed within three months of timely payment of the full fee (37 CFR 1.28).

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ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.27(c)) AND REQUEST FOR REFUND OF ONE HALF OF ORIGINAL FILING FEE

MAIL STOP 16 Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On April 18, 2005, the above-identified patent application, together with the large entity filing fee of \$1,750.00, was filed by Express Mail (Receipt No. EV466868852US), and a postcard, copy attached, with the serial number and date of acceptance from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Mail Room was sent by return mail.

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As Applicant is entitled to small entity status (37 CFR 1,27(c)), it is hereby respectfully requested that one-half (\$875.00) of the original filing fee of \$1,750.00 be credited to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.26.

Respectfully submitted,

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